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SUBJECT: OVERFLIGHTS OF PAKISTAN

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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S AND CONSULATE'S
EFFORTS AND COMMENTS (REF A). THE DEPARTMENT CONTINUES
TO HOPE THAT A WAY CAN BE FOUND FOR TIA'S SCHEDULED
FLIGHTS IN PARTICULAR AND THE FLIGHTS BY ALL OTHER US
REGISTERED BUT NON-SCHEDULED AIRCRAFT TO BE GRANTED
AUTHORITY TO OVERFLY PAKISTAN.

2. DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES THAT PAKISTAN IS WITHIN ITS
RIGHTS TO DEMAND NON-SCHEDULED AIRCRAFT TO LAND BEFORE
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PROCEEDING IN TRANSIT ACROSS ITS TERRITORY. HOWEVER,
AS EMBASSY AND CONSULATE WILL APPRECIATE, THE GOP'S
RIGOROUS APPLICATION OF THIS RIGHT IS A BURDENSOME AND
EXPENSIVE HANDICAP TO USAIRLINES. THE PAKISTAN OVERFLIGHT
PROHIBITION IS PARTICULARLY ONEROUS IN VIEW OF FACT
THAT PAKISTAN REGISTERED AIRCRAFT DO NOT FACE A SIMILAR
US RESTRICTION.

3. EMBASSY'S OBSERVATION THAT ASKING PAKISTAN TO "BEND THEIR RULES" MAY WORK TO OUR LONG RANGE DETRIMENT HAS BEEN CAREFULLY CONSIDERED BY DEPARTMENT. DEPT HAS CONCLUDED HOWEVER THAT PERMITTING OVERFLIGHTS BY US REGISTERED NON-SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL OR NON-COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT WILL NOT ABROGATE OR WEAKEN GOP'S AUTHORITY TO PROHIBIT THE TRANSIT OF MUNITIONS OR OTHER INSTRUMENTS OF WAR. IN OTHER WORDS, ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE TO GRANT NON-STOP OVERFLIGHTS WILL NOT CAUSE THE GOP TO LOSE ANY OF THEIR AUTHORITY TO SELECTIVELY DISAPPROVE SUCH REQUESTS.

4. THE DEFENSE ASPECT (PARA 1 REF A) WAS ALSO ADDRESSED. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THAT KARACHI AIR CONTROL MAY NOT BE EQUIPPED TO IDENTIFY ADEQUATELY ALL AIRCRAFT OVERFLYING PAKISTAN, WE ASSUME THEY ARE ABLE TO DISTINGUISH SCHEDULED FLIGHTS, WHICH ARE PERMITTED TO OVERFLY, FROM NON-SCHEDULED ONES WHICH MUST LAND. IF THAT IS SO, WE ASSUME THAT IF KARACHI AIR CONTROL IS SUFFICIENTLY FOREWARNED OF THE IMPENDING TRANSIT OF NON-SCHEDULED US-REGISTERED AIRCRAFT, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE THEM JUST AS THEY DO THOSE WHICH OPERATE ON A SCHEDULED BASIS. THEREFORE, WE ARE NOT FULLY CONVINCED BY THE EXPLANATION THAT DENYING OVERFLIGHTS OF "NON-SCHEDULES" IS GROUNDED IN NATIONAL DEFENSE.
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5. DEPARTMENT WISHES EMBASSY TO REVIEW FOREGOING AND COMMENT ON APPROPRIATENESS OF MAKING, AT THIS TIME, A HIGH LEVEL APPROACH SIMILAR TO ONE OUTLINED IN PARA 2 OF REF EMBTEL. APPROACH WOULD BE MADE TO SECURE OVERFLIGHT PERMISSION FOR TIA IN PARTICULAR AND SET STAGE FOR THAT AUTHORITY TO APPLY WHEN OTHER US-REGISTERED NON-SCHEDULED AIRCRAFT WISH TO OVERFLY PAKISTAN. IN ASKING FOR EMBASSY COMMENTS ON THIS MATTER, DEPARTMENT IS AWARE THAT GOP HAS RECENTLY RAISED ISSUE OF RUSSIAN FLIGHTS TO HORN AS EXAMPLE OF WAYS IT SUPPORTS USG OBJECTIVES AND IT MAY VIEW OUR NON-SCHEDULED OVERFLIGHT REQUEST AS LESSENING OF OUR INTEREST IN CURTAILING FUTURE RUSSIAN OVERFLIGHTS. (HOWEVER, AS NOTED PARA 3 FOREGOING, WHATEVER ACTION GOP TAKES, SUCH ACTION WILL NOT DIMINISH GOP AUTHORITY REGARDING SUCH OVERFLIGHTS.) ALSO, DEPARTMENT HAS HEARD THAT RUSSIAN AIRCRAFT MAY ROUTINELY OVERFLY NORTHERN PAKISTAN ON REGULAR NON-SCHEDULED RUNS TO INDIA AND GOP APPEARS NOT TO REQUIRE THOSE AIRCRAFT TO MAKE TECHNICAL LANDINGS IN PAKISTAN. IF PROCEDURE REGARDING RUSSIA-INDIA FLIGHTS IS CORRECT, DEPARTMENT FEELS GOP HAS NO BASIS FOR DENYING TIA

REQUEST FOR ONCE-A-WEEK OVERFLIGHT OF PAKISTAN.YY
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